

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiners to Applicants' Representative during the interview of 4 May 2010. During the interview, the prior art rejections were discussed as set forth in the Office Action dated August 6, 2009. Applicants' Representative explained why Applicants believe that the new prior art cited in the new prior art rejection is not as relevant as the previously cited prior art, and why the experimental evidence already of record is sufficient to rebut any *prime facie* case of obviousness. During the interview the Examiner raised some questions about the claim language that could be clarified. In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 18, 39 and 40 in a manner believed to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

In view of the above, in combination with the arguments submitted with the Response filed on July 8, 2009, it is believed that all of the rejections of record have been rebutted and/or overcome, so that the application should now be in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Leonard R. Svensson Reg. No. 30,330 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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